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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office action of January 10, 2005, Applicant offers the following remarks.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**The § 102 Rejections**

Regarding Claim 1, applicant respectfully asks the Examiner to reconsider the § 102 rejection because Williams simply does not teach the Claim 1 invention. Williams teaches nothing about the palm not touching the ball. The patent, when considered as a whole as required by law, shows that the palm should touch the ball. Please see Figs. 5 and 9. Williams says that "the manner in which the ball 10 is held and released is of utmost importance;" (Col. 2, lines 14-15) and so it is highly unlikely that Williams would